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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/751,826	Applicant(s) MIZOGUCHI ET AL.	
	Examiner Stephen M Brinich	Art Unit 2624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 41,44 and 60-80 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 41,44,60-76,79 and 80 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 77 and 78 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/975,848.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 77-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida.

Re claims 77-78, Yoshida discloses (column 6, lines 43-54) an image reading device in which a detachably mounted interchangeable element has been supplied with individual white balance data representing the red and blue levels of a signal produced by the image reading device. This data is inherently written to the element during manufacture, and thus specifically identified with the device (i.e. it is readable as "identification information"). This data is read out from the detachably mounted interchangeable element and used to set a white balance reference correction.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 41, 44, 60-76, & 79-80 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Re claim 41 (and dependent claims 73-74), the substitution of a print head for an image reading device in conjunction with a system for retrieving a set reference data associated with the

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identification of the image reading device is not taught or suggested by the art of record.

Re claim 44, 79, & 80 (and dependent claims 75-76), the art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed elements of reference data storage in conjunction with the recited associated identification information and temperature measurement and storage.

Re claims 60, 65, 69, 70, 71, & 72 (and dependent claims 61-64, & 66-68), the art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed elements of determining the recited reference data correspondence and updating reference data in response to that determination.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 8/16/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues (Remarks filed 8/16/04: page 13, lines 8-23) that the art of record (Yoshida) fails to disclose:

"....an image processing apparatus having a carriage on which an image reading device for reading an image of original is detachably mounted **or** a print head unit for forming an image on a printing medium is detachably mounted in stead of the image reading device...." [emphasis added]

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However, the claim language as written is met if either of the alternatives separated by "or" is met. In the present case, as described above, the former alternative is readable upon the Yoshida reference.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 703-305-4390. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 7:00-4:30, alternate Fridays off.


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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 703-306-0377.

If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 703-308-7452.

Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 703-872-9306.

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